

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of C.L.H. and A.H. II, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANTHONY HAMACHER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RHONDA HAMACHER,

Respondent.

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February 21, 2003

No. 241829
Genesee Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 00-113213-NA

Before: Whitbeck, C.J., and Griffin and Owens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant Anthony Hamacher appeals as of right from the trial court's order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(ii) and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). There was clear and convincing evidence of repeated and ongoing sexual abuse by respondent-appellant's father. Additionally, the evidence clearly established that respondent-appellant was aware of the sexual abuse and repeatedly exposed his children to his father, despite warnings against doing so. The court did not err in finding that termination was warranted under §§ 19b(3)(b)(ii) and (j).

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo, supra* at 364-365. Thus, the court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin

/s/ Donald S. Owens